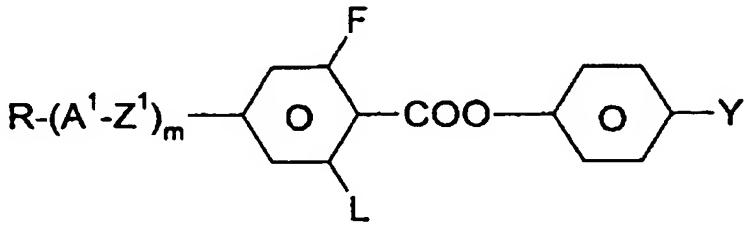
The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A liquid-crystalline medium comprising:
at least one phenol ester of formula I



I

in which

R is H, an alkyl or alkenyl radical having up to 15 carbon atoms which is unsubstituted, monosubstituted by CN or CF_3 or at least monosubstituted by halogen, where, in addition, one or more CH_2 groups are optionally replaced by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -OC-O- or -O-CO- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another,

A^1 a) is a 1,4-cyclohexenylene or 1,4-cyclohexylene radical, in which in each case one or two non-adjacent CH_2 groups are each optionally replaced by -O- or -S-,

b) is a 1,4-phenylene radical, in which one or two CH are each optionally replaced by N,

c) is a piperidine-1,4-diyl, 1,4-bicyclo[2.2.2]octylene, naphthalene-2,6-diyl, decahydronaphthalene-2,6-diyl or 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2,6-diyl radical,

where the radicals a), b) and c) are in each case unsubstituted or monosubstituted or polysubstituted by halogen atoms,

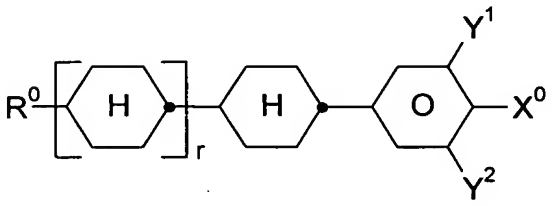
Z^1 is -CO-O-, -O-CO-, $-CF_2O-$, $-OCF_2-$, $-CH_2O-$, $-OCH_2-$, $-CH_2CH_2-$, $-C_2F_4-$, $-C_2F_2-$, -CH=CH-, -C≡C- or a single bond,

Y is F, Cl, ~~CN,~~ or a monohalogenated or polyhalogenated alkyl, alkenyl, alkenyloxy or alkoxy radical having 1 to 5 carbon atoms,

L is H or F, and

m is 0, 1 or 2; and

one or more compounds selected from formulae II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII and IX:



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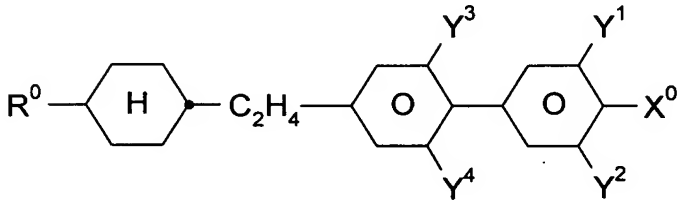

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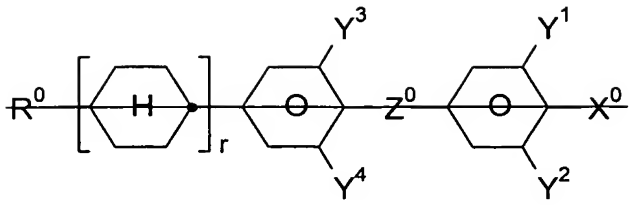

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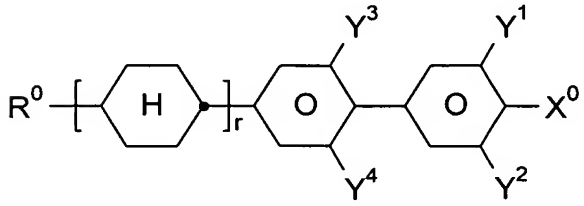

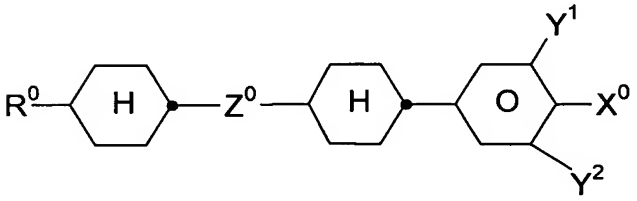

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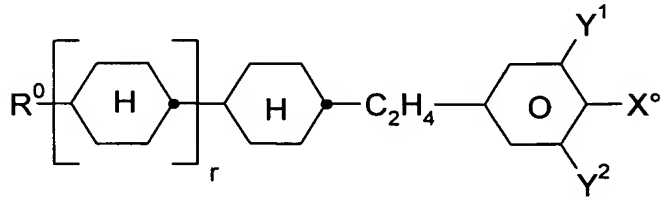

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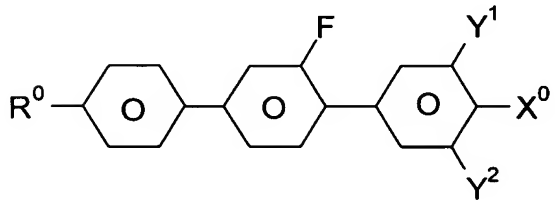

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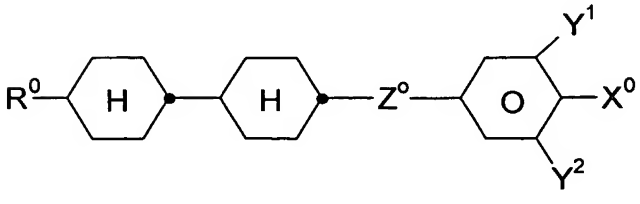

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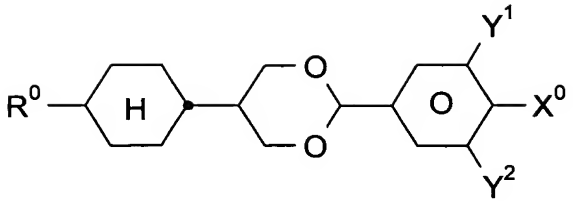

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wherein

R^0 is n-alkyl, oxaalkyl, fluoroalkyl, alkenyloxy or alkenyl, each having up to 9 carbon atoms,

X^0 is F, Cl, or halogenated alkyl, halogenated alkenyl, halogenated or halogenated alkoxy, in each case having up to 6 carbon atoms,

Z^0 is $-C_2H_4-$, $-C_2F_4-$, $-CF_2O-$, $-OCF_2-$ or -COO-,

Y^1, Y^2,
Y^3 and Y^4 are each, independently of one another, H or F, and

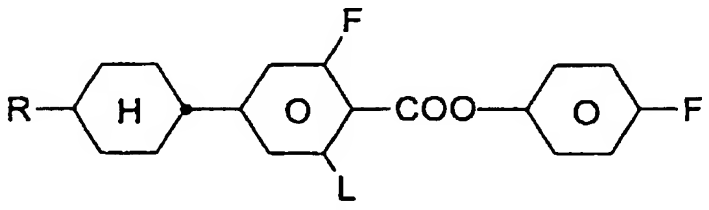
r is 0 or 1.

2. (Previously Presented): A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 1, wherein R is a straight-chain alkyl radical having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms or an alkenyl radical having from 2 to 10 carbon atoms.

3. (Previously Presented): A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 1, wherein Y is F, Cl, CN, CF_3, CF_2H, OCF_3, OCF_2H, $OCFHCF_3$, $OCFHCFH_2$, $OCFHCF_2H$, OCF_2CH_3, OCF_2CFH_2, OCF_2CF_2H, $OCF_2CF_2CF_2H$, $OCF_2CF_2CFH_2$, $OCFHCF_2CF_3$, $OCFHCF_2CF_2H$, $OCF_2CF_2CF_3$, OCF_2CHFCF_3 or $OCClFCF_2CF_3$.

4. (Previously Presented): A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 1, wherein m is 1.

5. (Previously Presented): A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1, wherein said compound of formula I is selected from subformulae I1 to I12:



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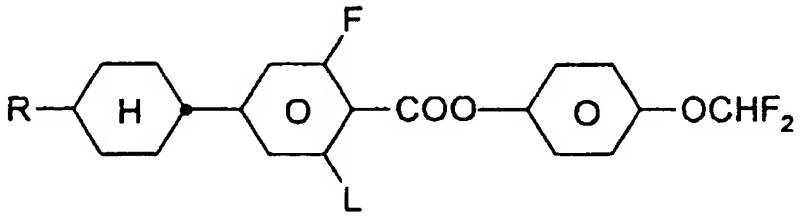

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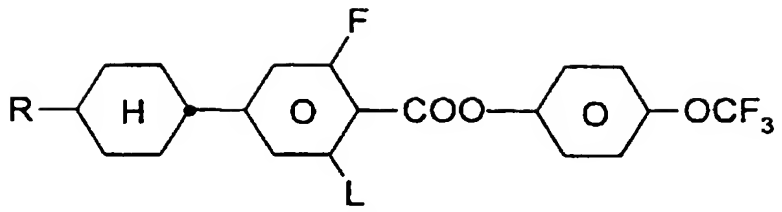

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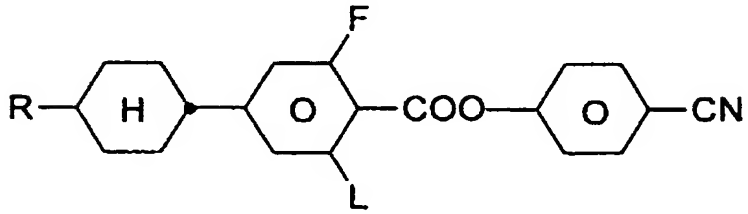

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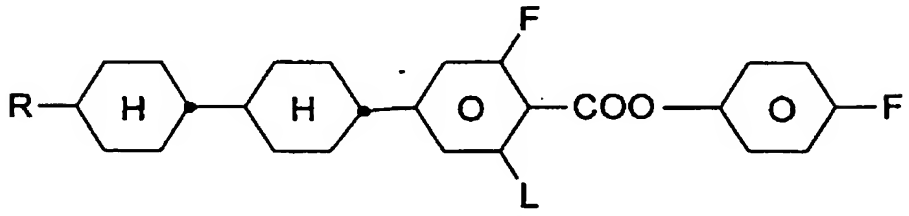

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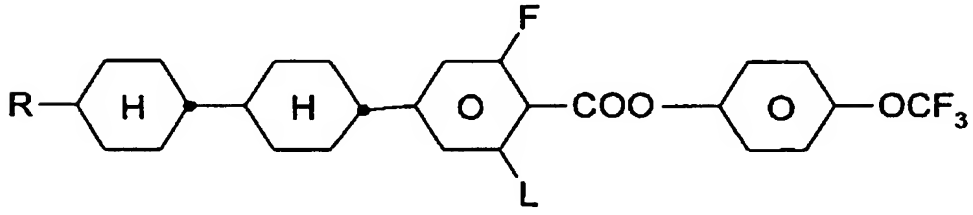

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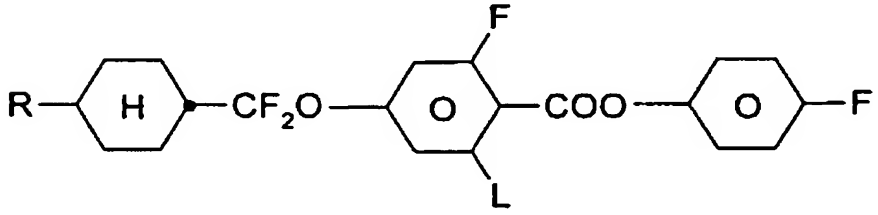

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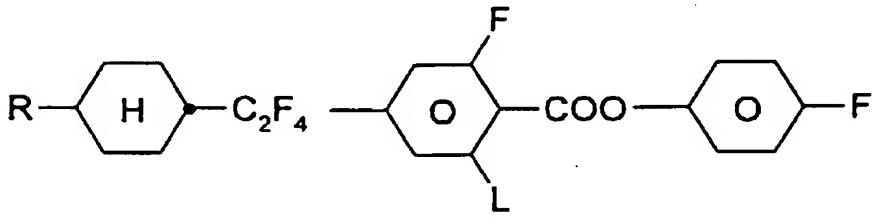

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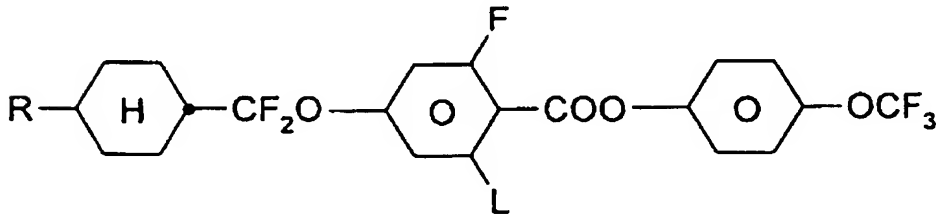

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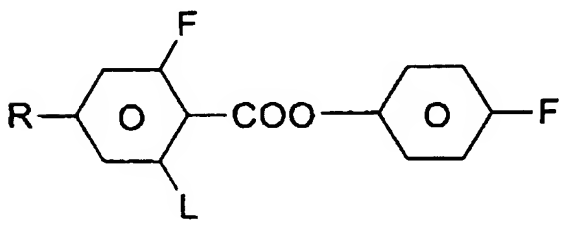

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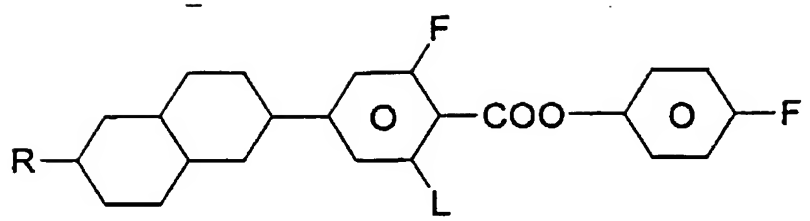

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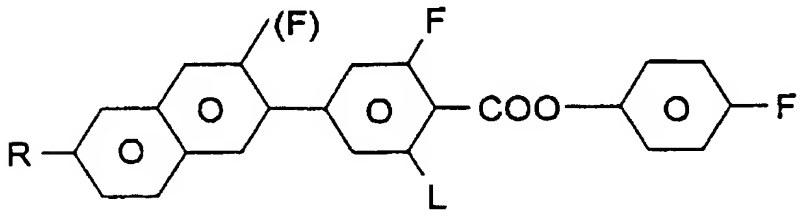


I12

wherein

R is H, an alkyl or alkenyl radical having up to 15 carbon atoms which is unsubstituted, monosubstituted by CN or CF_3 or at least monosubstituted by halogen, where, in addition, one or more CH_2 groups are optionally replaced by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -OC-O- or -O-CO- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another,

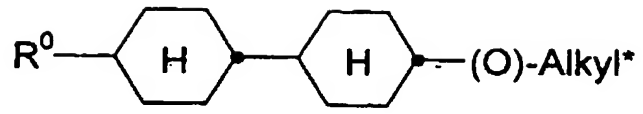
L is H or F.

6. (Cancelled):

7. (Cancelled):

8. (Previously Presented): A medium according to Claim 1, wherein the proportion of compounds of the formulae I to IX in the medium is at least 50% by weight.

9. (Previously Presented): A medium according to Claim 1, wherein said medium additionally comprises one or more compounds of formulae RI to RVI



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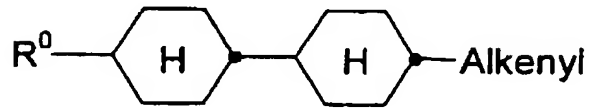

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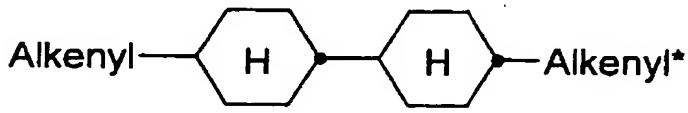

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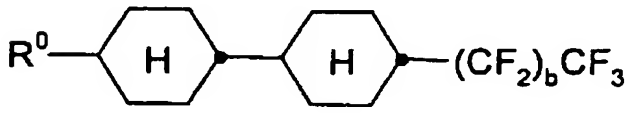

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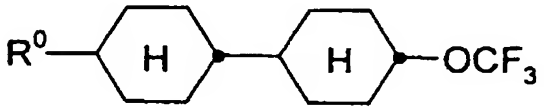

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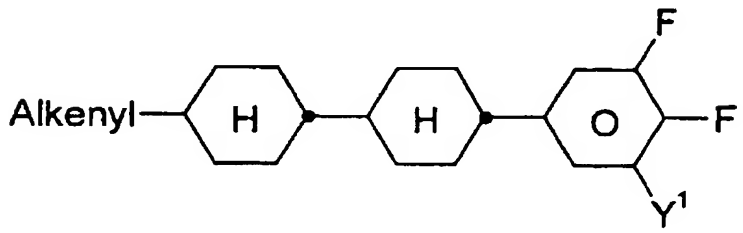


RVI

wherein

R^0 is n-alkyl, oxoalkyl, fluoroalkyl, alkenyloxy or alkenyl, in each case having up to 9 carbon atoms,

b is 0, 1 or 2,

Y^1 is H or F,

Alkyl* is a straight-chain alkyl radical having up to 9 carbon atoms, and

Alkenyl or Alkenyl* is, in each case independently of one another, an alkenyl radical having up to 9 carbon atoms.

10. (Previously Presented): A medium according to Claim 1, wherein X^0 is F or OCF_3 and Y^2 is H or F.

11. (Previously Presented): In a method of generating an electro-optical effect using a liquid-crystalline medium, the improvement wherein said liquid-crystalline medium is according to Claim 1.

12. (Previously Presented): An electro-optical liquid-crystal display containing a liquid-crystalline medium, wherein said medium is according to Claim 1.

13. (Previously Presented): A medium according to claim 1, wherein L is F.

14. (Currently Amended): A medium according to claim 1, wherein m is ~~preferably~~ 1.

15. (Previously Presented): A medium according to claim 1, wherein Z^1 is a single bond, $-CF_2O-$, $-OCF_2-$, $-C_2F_4-$, $-CH_2O-$, $-OCH_2-$ or –COO-.

16. (Previously Presented): A medium according to claim 1, wherein R is a straight-chain alkyl or straight-chain alkenyl radical which is monosubstituted by CN or CF_3.

17. (Previously Presented): A medium according to claim 1, wherein R is a straight-chain alkyl or straight-chain alkenyl radical which is at least monosubstituted by F or Cl.

18. (Previously Presented): A medium according to claim 1, wherein Y is F, CN, OCF_3, $OCHF_2$, CF_3, $OCHFCF_3$, OC_2F_5 or OCF_2CHFCF_3.

19. (Previously Presented): A medium according to claim 1, wherein R is straight-

chain alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyloxy or alkenyl having up to 10 carbon atoms.

20. (Previously Presented): A medium according to Claim 1, wherein A^2 is Phe, PheF, PheFF, Cyc, Che, Pyr, Dio, Dec or Nap,

Cyc is 1,4-cyclohexylene, Che is 1,4-cyclohexenylene, Dio is 1,3-dioxane-2,5-diyl, Phe is 1,4-phenylene radical, Pyr is pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, PheF is 2- or 3-fluoro-1,4-phenylene, PheFF is 2,3-difluoro- or 2,6-difluoro-1,4-phenylene, Nap is substituted or unsubstituted naphthalene, and Dec is decahydronaphthalene.

21. (Previously Presented): A medium according to Claim 1, wherein said compound contains not more than one of the radicals Bi, Pyd, Pyr, Dio, Dit, Nap or Dec,

Dio is 1,3-dioxane-2,5-diyl, Dit is 1,3-dithiane-2,5-diyl, Pyd is pyridine-2,5-diyl, Pyr is pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, Bi is bicyclo[2.2.2]octylene, Nap is substituted or unsubstituted naphthalene, and Dec is decahydronaphthalene.

22. (Previously Presented): A medium according to Claim 1, wherein A^1 is particular, 2-fluoro-1,4-phenylene, 3-fluoro-1,4-phenylene, 2,3-difluoro-1,4-phenylene or 2,6-difluoro-1,4-phenylene.

23. (Previously Presented): A medium according to Claim 1, wherein said medium has a nematic phase down to -20°C, a clearing point above 80°C, and a dielectric anisotropy value $\Delta\varepsilon$ of ≥ 4.

24. (Previously Presented): A medium according to Claim 23, wherein said medium has a nematic phase down to -30°C, and a clearing point above 90°C.

25. (Previously Presented): A medium according to Claim 23, wherein said medium has a nematic phase down to -40°C, and a clearing point above 100°C.

26. (Previously Presented): A medium according to Claim 23, wherein said medium has a dielectric anisotropy values $\Delta\varepsilon$ of ≥ 6.

27. (Previously Presented): A medium according to Claim 1, wherein said medium has a TN threshold below 1.5 V.

28. (Previously Presented): A medium according to Claim 27, wherein said medium has a TN threshold below 1.3 V.

29. (Previously Presented): A medium according to Claim 27, wherein said medium has a TN threshold < 1.0 V.

30. (Previously Presented): A medium according to Claim 1, wherein the proportion of compounds of formula I in the medium is 5 to 50% by weight.

31. (Previously Presented): A medium according to Claim 1, wherein the proportion of compounds of the formulae II to IX in the medium is 30 to 70% by weight.

32. (Previously Presented): A medium according to Claim 1, wherein the flow viscosity ν_{20} at 20°C of the medium is < 60 $mm^2 \cdot s^{-1}$.

33. (Previously Presented): A medium according to Claim 1, wherein the flow viscosity ν_{20} at 20°C of the medium is < 50 $mm^2 \cdot s^{-1}$.

34. (Previously Presented): A medium according to Claim 1, wherein the nematic phase range of the medium is at least 90°.

35. (Previously Presented): A medium according to Claim 1, wherein the nematic phase range of the medium is at least 100°.

36. (Previously Presented): A medium according to Claim 1, wherein the nematic phase range of the medium is extends at least from -30° to +80°.

37. (Previously Presented): A medium according to Claim 1, wherein said medium contains two or more of compounds of the formula I, and the proportion of compounds of

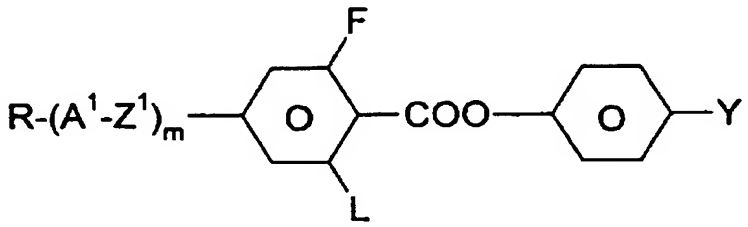
formula I in the medium is 5-95%.

38. (Previously Presented): A medium according to Claim 1, wherein said medium contains two or more of compounds of the formula I, and the proportion of compounds of formula I in the medium is 10-60%.

39. (Previously Presented): A medium according to Claim 1, wherein said medium contains two or more of compounds of the formula I, and the proportion of compounds of formula I in the medium is 20-50%.

40. (Previously Presented): A medium according to Claim 1, wherein said medium has an optical anisotropy of 0.0892-0.1050.

41. (Currently Amended): A liquid-crystalline phenol esters of formula I



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in which

R is H, an alkyl or alkenyl radical having up to 15 carbon atoms which is unsubstituted, monosubstituted by CN or CF_3 or at least monosubstituted by halogen, where, in addition, one or more CH_2 groups are optionally replaced by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -OC-O- or -O-CO- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another,

A^1 a) is a 1,4-cyclohexenylene or 1,4-cyclohexylene radical, in which in each case one or two non-adjacent CH_2 groups are each optionally replaced by -O- or -S-,

b) is a 1,4-phenylene radical, in which one or two CH are each optionally replaced by N,

c) is a piperidine-1,4-diyl, 1,4-bicyclo[2.2.2]octylene, naphthalene-2,6-diyl, decahydronaphthalene-2,6-diyl or 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2,6-diyl radical,

where the radicals a), b) and c) are in each case unsubstituted or monosubstituted or polysubstituted by halogen atoms,

Z^1 is -CO-O-, -O-CO-, $-CF_2O-$, $-OCF_2-$, $-CH_2O-$, $-OCH_2-$, $-CH_2CH_2-$, $-C_2F_4-$, $-C_2F_2-$, -CH=CH-, -C≡C- or a single bond,

Y is $OCFHCFH_2$, $OCFHCF_2H$, OCF_2CH_3, OCF_2CFH_2, OCF_2CF_2H, $OCF_2CF_2CF_2H$, $OCF_2CF_2CFH_2$, $OCFHCF_2CF_3$, $OCFHCF_2CF_2H$, $OCFHCFHCF_3$, $OCH_2CF_2CF_3$, $OCF_2CF_2CF_3$, $OCF_2CFHCFH_2$, $OCF_2CH_2CF_2H$, $OCFHCF_2CFH_2$, $OCFHCFHCF_2H$, $OCFHCH_2CF_3$, OCH_2CFHCF_3, $OCH_2CF_2CF_2H$, OCF_2CFHCH_3, $OCF_2CH_2CFH_2$, $OCFHCF_2CH_3$, $OCFHCFHCFH_2$, $OCFHCH_2CF_3$, $OCH_2CF_2CFH_2$, OCH_2CFHCF_2H, $OCF_2CH_2CH_3$, $OCFHCFHCH_3$, $OCFHCH_2CFH_2$, $OCH_2CF_2CH_3$, $OCH_2CFHCFH_2$, $OCH_2CH_2CF_2H$, ~~$OCHCH_2CH_3$~~, OCH_2CFHCH_3, $OCH_2CH_2CF_2H$, $OCClFCF_3$, $OCClFCClF_2$, $OCClFCFH_2$, $OCFHCCl_2F$, $OCClFCF_2H$, $OCClFCClF_2$, OCF_2CClH_2, OCF_2CCl_2H, OCF_2CCl_2F, OCF_2CClFH, OCF_2CClF_2, $OCF_2CF_2CClF_2$, $OCF_2CF_2CCl_2F$, $OCClFCF_2CF_3$, $OCClFCF_2CF_2H$, $OCClFCF_2CClF_2$, $OCClFCFHCF_3$, $OCClFCClFCF_3$, $OCCl_2CF_2CF_3$, $OCClHCF_2CF_3$, $OCClFCF_2CF_3$, $OCF_2CClFCFH_2$, $OCF_2CF_2CCl_2F$, $OCF_2CCl_2CF_2H$, $OCF_2CH_2CClF_2$, $OCClFCF_2CFH_2$, $OCFHCF_2CCl_2F$, $OCClFCFHCF_2H$, $OCClFCClFCF_2H$, $OCFHCFHCClF_2$, $OCClFCH_2CF_3$, $OCFHCCl_2CF_3$, $OCCl_2CFHCF_3$, $OCH_2CClFCF_3$, $OCCl_2CF_2CF_2H$, $OCH_2CF_2CClF_2$, $OCF_2CClFCH_3$, $OCF_2CFHCCl_2H$, $OCF_2CCl_2CFH_2$, $OCF_2CH_2CCl_2F$, $OCClFCF_2CH_3$, $OCFHCF_2CCl_2H$, $OCClFCClFCFH_2$, $OCFHCFHCCl_2F$, $OCClFCH_2CF_3$, $OCFHCCl_2CF_3$, $OCCl_2CF_2CFH_2$, $OCH_2CF_2CCl_2F$, $OCCl_2CFHCF_2H$, $OCClHCClFCF_2H$, $OCF_2CClHCClH_2$, $OCF_2CH_2CCl_2H$, $OCClFCFHCH_3$, $OCF_2CClFCCl_2H$, $OCClFCH_2CFH_2$, $OCFHCCl_2CFH_2$, $OCCl_2CF_2CH_3$, $OCH_2CF_2CClH_2$, $OCCl_2CFHCFH_2$, $OCH_2CClFCFCl_2$, $OCH_2CH_2CF_2H$, $OCClHCClHCF_2H$, $OCH_2CCl_2CF_2H$, $OCClFCH_2CH_3$, $OCFHCH_2CCl_2H$, $OCClHCFHCClH_2$, $OCH_2CFHCCl_2H$, $OCCl_2CH_2CF_2H$, $OCH_2CCl_2CF_2H$, $CH=CF_2$, $CF=CF_2$, $OCH=CF_2$, $OCF=CF_2$, CH=CHF, OCH=CHF, or CF=CHF,

L is H or F, and

m is 0, 1 or 2.